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E.O. 11652: M/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, JO  
SUBJECT: FORMER HEBRON MAYOR VISITS AMMAN

1. FORMER HEBRON MAYOR SHEIKH MUHAMMAD 'ALI AL-JAJBARI  
ARRIVED IN AMMAN FROM WEST BANK DEC 27. HIS ACTIVITIES ARE  
RECEIVING WIDE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE. VISIT BILLED  
AS FIRST TO AMMAN BY JA'ABARI SINCE 1967. SHEIKH JA'BARI,  
WHO IS VISITING AMMAN AT INVITATION OF KING HUSSEIN'S UNCLE  
SHARIF NASIR BIN JAMIL IN ORDER TO ATTEND WEDDING OF  
LATTER'S SON, SHARIF JAMIL BIN NASIR, WAS MET AT KING  
HUSSEIN BRIDGE BY CAR CARAVAN LED BY SHARIF NASIR HIMSELF  
AND WAS CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO HASHEMIYYE PALACE FOR  
AUDIENCE WITH KING HUSSWIN. ACCORDING TO PRESS, ROYAL  
AUDIENCE WAS ATTENDED BY PM BADRAN, HIGH COURT OFFICIALS,  
AND "LARGE NUMBER OF BEBRONITES AND WEST BAKERS RESIDENT  
IN JORDAN." KING HUSSEIN IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT  
JORDAN WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL TO BROTHERS ON WEST BANK  
AND WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO REGAIN JERUSALEM AND TO LIBERATE  
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2. IN SPEICAL STATEMENT TO DAILY AD-DUSTOUR, JA'BARI  
DEALT WITH SEVERAL TOPICS, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH  
WAS PLEA FOR INTER-ARAB ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CIVIL  
SERVANTS AND POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS ON WEST BANK. NOTING

THAT ECONOMIC SITUATION ON WEST BANK REQUIRES HELP  
THROUGH JORDAN FROM ALL THE ARAB NATIONS, HE STATED  
THAT IF ARABS WANT WEST BANKERS TO REMAIN ON WEST BANK,  
"ARABS MUST EXTEND TO THEM SOME OF THEIR SURPLUS WEALTH."  
SHEIKH JA'BARI ASKED THAT SPECIAL AID BE EXTENDED TO THOSE  
WHO REMAINED "IN THE HOMELAND BEFORE 1948" (I.E. ISRAEL)  
TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE. HE ADDED THAT HE DOES  
NOT PLAN TO VISIT ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: GOJ HAS OBVIOUSLY PLAYED SHEKH JA'BARI'S  
VISIT, WHICH FOLLOWS A RECENT SERIES OF VISITS TO  
JORDAN BY PROMINENT WEST BANKERS, TO SHOW THAT KING  
HUSSEIN RETAINS, AND IS STILL CULTIVATING, STRONG TIES  
WITH POWER CENTERS ON WEST BANK.  
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